

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q96946

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Appln. No.: 10/593,816

Group Art Unit: 1619

Confirmation No.: 4452

Examiner: Sarah Alawadi

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For: GASTRIC RETENTION SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated March 25, 2010. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-12 which are related to gastric retention system for examination. This election is made without traverse.

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated March 25, 2010. In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects highly swellable polymer for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 1-12 read on the elected invention.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

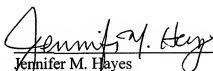
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